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 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 6563

Box Non-Fee

 Assistant Commissioner For Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): GARY D. LAVON, ET AL.

Serial No.: 08/828,005

Group Art Unit:

Date Filed: March 27, 1997

Examiner:

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

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1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	* 27	MINUS	** 27	= -0-	x \$22 =	\$-0-
INDEP.	* 3	MINUS	*** 3	= -0-	x \$80 =	\$-0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$260 =	\$-0-
					TOTAL	\$-0-

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

 The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the
 equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows:
\$ for a month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above-identified Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 2, 7, 11, and 23 as follows:

2. (Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said backsheet comprises substantially fluid impervious material, and wherein said means for providing access includes a backsheet portion which is fluid pervious, said fluid pervious portion defining an opening adjacent said removable absorbent core [member] component.